

**Martin Luther King Commission Meeting
Rio Grande Board Room
Wednesday, February 4, 2015**

Attendees: Adrienne G. Andrews, Satty Chozo, Dr. Forrest Crawford, Beth Garstka, Dr. Rob Harter, Jenny Hor, Nkoyo Iyamba, Dr. Karen Johnson, Stanford Kekauoha, Claudia Nakano, Ed Napia, Shawn Newell, Joseph Nicholas, Maxine R. Nicholas

Excused: Jasen Lee, Robert Rendon

Unexcused:

Welcome - *Adrienne Andrews, Interim Chair*

Adrienne Andrews welcomed all attendees to the MLK meeting. Additionally, Claudia Nakano announced the resignation of Winston Wilkinson as the chair of the MLK Commission. Winston is transitioning back to his hometown in Maryland.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Forrest Crawford moved to approve the minutes from Wednesday, January 7, 2015. Dr. Rob Harter seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MLK Retreat - *Commission Discussion*

Commission members chose Wednesday, March 4, 2015 as the day to hold the retreat. Each member was asked to bring a food item for a breakfast potluck. Lunch will be ordered individually from the Rio Grande Cafe.

Commission members suggested the following tasks be discussed at the retreat:

- determining who oversees the social media and website content;
- revisiting the goals and outlines from the last MLK retreat (held on April 23, 2014);
- learning about the history of the Utah MLK Commission;
- using the Executive Order as a guide to organize activities;
- creating a calendar of events;
- commemorating the 25th anniversary of the commission; and
- finding funding to host events.

Strategic Plan - *Commission Discussion*

Beth Garstka suggested building relationships with other state MLK Commissions and having an interstate event in the future.

Adrienne Andrews stated that the commission can begin some initial work by collaborating with other social justice oriented organizations and determining their key events as to not overshadow them. Additionally, she suggested working with city and county diversity officers. Dr. Rob Harter stated that the commission can identify key events in the community through the Utah Nonprofits Association and local universities.

In establishing partnerships, Dr. Forrest Crawford addressed how some groups avoid collaborations. Joseph Nicholas and Shawn Newell talked about approaching groups in ways that are not seen as challenging their body of work.

Claudia Nakano talked about securing a day at the Capitol Rotunda to highlight the work of the commission and other organizations. Dr. Forrest Crawford suggested December 10 as a day to host an event as it can be combined with the international event commemorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Beth Garstka stated that this event could be the 25th anniversary celebration of the MLK Commission. Additionally, Ed Napia said the international focus could allow the commission to connect with other locations such as L.A. or New York.

Stanford Kekauoha shared three different drafts of the branding logos.

MOTION: Nkoyo Iyamba moved to approve Logo 1 as the Utah MLK Commission logo. Joseph Nicholas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote with the addition of the word “Jr.”

The mission statement drafted by Jasen Lee was presented.

MOTION: Shawn Newell moved to approve the mission statement with an adjustment. The adjustment is the deletion of the word “citizen.” Dr. Rob Harter seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Dr. Karen Johnson shared details of a lecture event she helped organize for Black Awareness Week at the University of Utah. The lecture features Dr. Janelle Scott of UC Berkeley.

Claudia Nakano reminded commission members that the Multicultural Youth Leadership Day at the Capitol will be on Thursday, February 19, 2015. The event is expected to bring 800 to 900 students.

Stanford Kekauoha shared a promotional video that the Utah Office of Multicultural Affairs will use for Black History Month. The video features Attorney General Sean Reyes.

Adjourn

MOTION: Ed Napia moved to adjourn the meeting. Shawn Newell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Action Items

- Each commission member will independently research the history of MLK Commissions in Utah and other states, gather a list of potential collaborative partners, and brainstorm ideas for future activities.
- Each commission member will let Satty Chozo know which food item they plan on bringing to the retreat.
- The next commission meeting will be a retreat held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Rio Grande Board Room.